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From the Executive Officer

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2003-2004 Annual Report of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. This has been a year of change and renewal for the Board. In April 2004, I was appointed to the Board as Executive Officer. Having served as chair of the Board on behalf of the Director of the Department of General Services from September 1997 to December 2000, I know how much the organization does for the citizens of California, both through the Victim Compensation Program and the Government Claims Program. I am proud to be a part of it.

The Board welcomed two new members this year. In January 2004, Fred Aguiar, Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency, joined the Board as its chair, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Michael Ramos, San Bernardino County District Attorney, as the Board's public member. Steve Westly, State Controller, has been a member of the Board since January 2003.

I want to thank the members of the Board for their service. The guidance the Board members provide to the Victim Compensation Program and to the Government Claims Program has proven critically important. During the last two fiscal years, the Board faced a serious fiscal crisis and took crucial steps to stabilize the Restitution Fund and ensure that funds will be available to help crime victims now and in the future.

This year significant developments included a successful collaboration with the California Department of Corrections and the Franchise Tax Board that brought nearly a million dollars of new revenue into the Restitution Fund. The Board received the largest federal grant in its history, \$64.8 million; 49,665 crime victims and their family members applied for help from the Board; and the Board awarded more than \$67 million dollars in compensation payments.

None of this could have been accomplished without the Board's dedicated Sacramento staff, the contracted staff members in local Victim Witness Assistance Centers and District Attorneys' offices, and the hundreds of victim advocates across the state. On behalf of the Board, I thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the thousands of Californians who are traumatized each year by violent crime. I would also like to thank our partners in state government: the State and Consumer Services Agency; Governor's Office of Emergency Services; the Department of Corrections; Health and Human Services Agency; the California Youth Authority; the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency; the Attorney General's Office; and the many other state offices and agencies who work together to help crime victims.

Sincerely,

Karen McGagin

Our Vision

Creating a better tomorrow for our clients through our actions and innovations today.

Our Mission for Victim Compensation

We provide timely compensation and compassionate services to crime victims in collaboration with the community that supports them.

Our Mission for Government Claims

We protect the state, its residents, and visitors by processing and resolving claims against the state in a timely and equitable manner.

Our Guiding Principles

We fulfill this vision and mission when we dedicate our efforts to these guiding principles:

- Focus all our activities on behalf of those we serve;
- Provide responsive, quality, and ethical service;
- Work as one team to serve our clients;
- Demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of those we serve; and
- Build a work climate of courtesy, respect, and trust.

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Helping Victims

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04, the Board received 49,665 applications from California crime victims or their family members. During the year, the Board paid out more than \$67 million in compensation to crime victims and family members and service providers to reimburse them for a variety of expenses incurred as a result of a crime.

New Leadership at the Board

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Fred Aguiar as Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency in December 2003, and Secretary Aguiar joined the Board in January 2004. During Secretary Aguiar's 25-year career in public service he represented the 61st Assembly District in the California Legislature and co-authored the state's landmark "Three Strikes" legislation. The Governor also appointed San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos to the Board in January 2004. Mr. Ramos has been a prosecutor in San Bernardino County for more than 15 years and was awarded the 1998 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Prosecutor of the Year Award. Secretary Aguiar and Mr. Ramos join State Controller Steve Westly, who became a member of the Board in January 2003.

In April 2003, the Board appointed Karen McGagin as Executive Officer. Ms. McGagin previously served as Board Chair on behalf of the director of the Department of General Services (DGS) from September 1997 to December 2000. She has over 14 years of state service and prior to joining the Board, she served as the deputy executive director of the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) since December 2001.

Board Receives Largest Federal Grant in its History

In May 2004, the Board received \$64.8 million in federal funds to assist victims of violent crimes. The grant – the largest in the 39-year history of the Victim Compensation Program (Program) – is an annual award made possible by the 1984 Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. The VOCA funds are a major funding source for victim services throughout the nation. The annual grant size is based upon a percentage of the amount of state money paid to victims in prior years. This year's grant is based in part on the record \$125.9 million awarded by the Program to California victims of crime and their service providers in Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-2002.

FY 2003-2004 Year in Review

Franchise Tax Board Court-Ordered Debt Collection Program

This year the Board began a collaboration with the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and the California Department of Corrections (CDC) to recover uncollected restitution fines and orders from discharged parolees. Typically, when offenders are discharged from parole collection activity ceases, and any unpaid restitution fine and order obligations remain outstanding. In response to this problem, the Board began working with CDC, FTB, and its Court-Ordered Debt Collection Program to collect outstanding restitution obligations from former parolees. Between January 2004, when the program started and the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2004, the Board received a net amount of \$921,770 in outstanding restitution fine debt for the Restitution Fund.

Board Joins Attorney General's Task Force on Domestic Violence

Executive Officer Karen McGagin participated on Attorney General Bill Lockyer's statewide task force to study how effectively criminal justice agencies deal with domestic violence. The 24-member task force holds public hearings throughout the state to study local policies and practices, identifying both those working well and others, which may hinder efforts to help domestic violence victims. The task force members include law enforcement and probation officers, prosecutors, public defenders, judges, domestic violence victims' advocates, and public health officials.

Trauma Recovery Center Wins Awards

Four years ago, the Board teamed up with the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) San Francisco General Hospital to fund the Trauma Recovery Center, a pilot program to provide integrated services to crime victims who are poor, homeless, or have complex mental health needs. The Center received the 2004 Safety Net National Award for Patient Services. The San Francisco Victim Witness Office also presented an award to the Center on April 21 for the impact it has had on patient services.

The Trauma Recovery Center's model of comprehensive care includes assertive outreach, clinical case management, and evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services. In the largest longitudinal study of trauma treatment ever conducted in a public sector setting, participants in the Trauma Recovery Center program showed a significant reduction in homelessness and substance abuse and a marked increase in the use of mental health services. Data showed that twice as many patients involved in the demonstration project received follow-up mental health services when compared to the typical crime victim in San Francisco.

Financial Summary FY 2003-2004 (In Millions)

Beginning Reserves	37.6
Prior Year Adjustments	7.1
Beginning Fund Balance	44.7
Revenue	
Restitution Fines and Fees	57.1
Penalty Assessments	47.8
Restitution Orders	2.7
Civil or Criminal Violations	1.7
Liens on Civil Suits	1.9
Federal VOCA Grant ¹	1.6
General Fund	0.2
Subtotal FY 2003-2004 Revenue	113
Total Reserves and FY2003-2004 Revenue²	157.7
Expenditures	
Total Claims Payments ³	67.2
Adjustments	-0.7
Adjusted Claims Payments	66.5
Program Costs	
Salaries and Benefits	19.6
Joint Powers Contracts	10.3
Criminal Restitution Compact	2.1
Interagency and Other Contracts ⁴	3.1
Facilities Operations	1.8
Data Center and Processing	2.3
General Expenses	0.3
Printing and Postage	0.2
Communications	0.2
Travel and Training	0.2
Total Program Costs	40.1
Special Appropriations	
Ten Percent Rebate Program	6.6
Total Expenditures	113.2
Ending Fund Balance	44.5

¹ The Board draws down federal VOCA grants over a three-year period. The annual financial summary shows only the portion drawn down and spent this fiscal year. The \$64.8 million VOCA grant received late in FY2003-2004 will appear on subsequent financial summaries as it is drawn down and spent.

² Each county collects a portion of the fines, assessments, fees and orders listed above. The total amount collected by the counties, \$38,267,231.13, is detailed on page 12.

³ Adjustments represent returned checks and payments. Some returned checks are subsequently reissued. The amount used to calculate payments on pages 10 and 12 (\$67, 038,387) excludes the reissued payments incorporated in this figure.

⁴ Funding for the UCSF Trauma Recovery Center is included in this category.

About The Victim Compensation Program

The Victim Compensation Program (Program) provides financial help to crime victims who are injured or threatened with injury.

How Can Compensation Help?

Compensation payments may cover these expenses:

- Medical and dental treatment
- Mental health counseling
- Lost income if a victim is disabled because of the crime
- Lost support for immediate family members if a victim is killed or disabled
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Job retraining needed because of a disabling injury from the crime
- Home or vehicle changes needed due to an injury from a crime
- Home security improvement needed as a result of a crime
- Relocation for a victim's safety or well-being
- Crime scene cleanup when a homicide happens in a home

Compensation cannot pay for lost property or pay damages for pain and suffering. However, the Program can pay for the replacement of hearing aids, eyeglasses, or other medical aids lost or broken as a result of the crime.

Who Can Get Help From the Victim Compensation Program?

The Program may pay victims of crimes such as: battery, assault with a deadly weapon, sexual assault, murder, hit and run, child abuse, drunk driving, stalking, and other crimes that result in injury or a threat of injury.

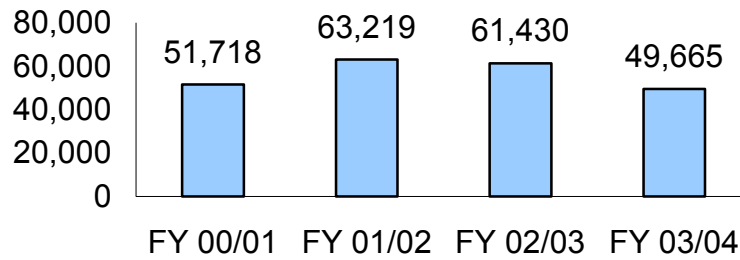
In addition to helping the direct victim of a crime, the program can also help a victim's spouse, registered domestic partner, children, siblings, parents, grandparents and some other family or household members. To receive compensation, a victim must reasonably cooperate with the investigation of the crime. Anyone involved in committing the crime is not eligible for the program. Anyone who is incarcerated, on probation, or on parole for committing a felony, cannot receive compensation until they are released from prison, parole, and probation.

Where Do Victims Go To Get Help?

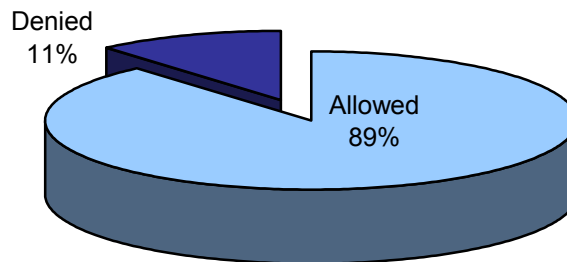
Compensation begins with the law enforcement officers, medical providers, and victim advocates in every county in California who inform crime victims about the Program. The first contact most victims have with the program comes through a victim advocate who helps victims apply for assistance at one of over 100 victim assistance centers in 58 California counties. Getting compensation payments into the hands of crime victims, and the doctors, dentists, funeral homes, and counselors who help them, is a team effort. Compensation specialists work in one of 22 processing offices in victim assistance centers throughout the state and at the central office of the Victim Compensation Program in Sacramento.

Helping Through Victim Compensation

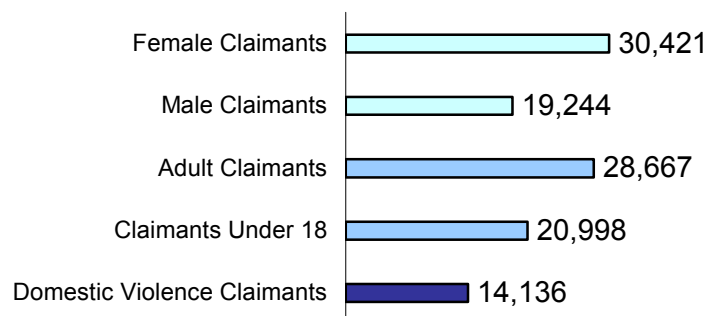
Victim Compensation Applications Received



Applications Allowed and Denied FY 03/04



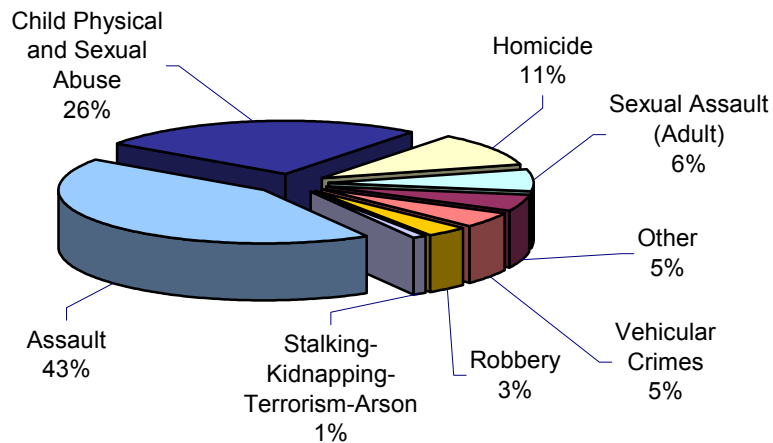
About Compensation Claimants



Applications by Type of Crime

	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03	FY 03-04
Assault	21,760	26,726	25,885	21,350
Child Physical and Sexual Abuse	12,877	14,970	17,463	12,797
Homicide	4,896	5,872	5,786	5,240
Sexual Assault (Adult)	5,659	7,231	3,790	3,176
Vehicular Crimes	2,204	2,423	2,780	2,335
Robbery	1,745	1,891	1,846	1,659
Stalking	271	310	359	261
Terrorism	1,102	2,032	227	24
Kidnapping	303	429	283	226
Arson	22	52	35	20
Other ¹	923	1,311	2,976	2,577
TOTAL	51,762	63,247	61,430	49,665

Crime Type as a Percent of Applications Filed

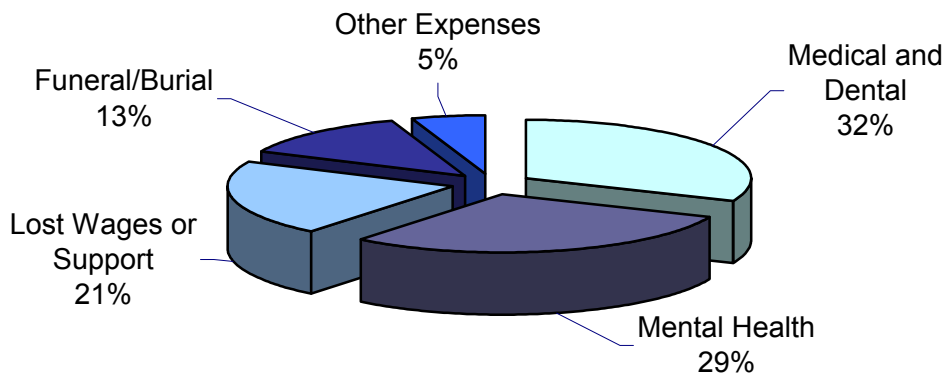


¹"Other" includes crimes not listed above.

Awards by Type of Expense

	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03	FY 03-04
Medical and Dental	\$30,278,487	\$40,229,331	\$34,695,504	\$21,018,449
Mental Health	34,935,375	47,782,436	39,901,657	19,752,800
Lost Wages or Support	10,548,065	18,521,627	22,260,700	14,190,531
Funeral/Burial	7,887,533	13,290,627	13,961,828	8,474,168
Other Expenses	1,925,875	6,087,314	6,210,329	3,602,439
TOTAL	\$85,575,335	\$125,911,335	\$117,030,017	\$67,038,387

**Type Of Expense As A Percent of Total Awards
FY 03/04**



Compensation Awarded By Verification Unit²

	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03	FY 03-04
Alameda County	\$2,504,028	\$4,562,710	\$5,245,209	\$2,507,696
Butte County	984,909	1,172,238	794,428	503,605
Contra Costa County	1,465,872	2,168,721	1,817,131	604,180
El Dorado County	449,635	572,877	595,692	352,601
Humboldt County	425,899	602,268	634,851	323,228
Los Angeles City	3,574,877	7,468,933	9,022,941	4,719,667
Los Angeles County	11,904,296	15,918,535	15,540,217	9,645,047
Orange County	3,217,267	4,367,662	3,454,496	2,108,188
Placer County	645,781	1,252,815	1,223,650	568,644
Riverside County	3,139,932	4,119,697	4,097,414	2,646,679
Sacramento County	1,565,692	2,235,945	3,175,596	2,064,930
San Bernardino County	2,410,244	4,145,631	4,321,388	2,705,287
San Diego County	1,516,910	2,647,233	2,914,289	1,856,640
San Francisco County	2,313,704	2,931,290	2,865,648	1,771,081
San Joaquin County	2,481,952	3,949,998	4,065,513	2,912,302
San Luis Obispo County	625,449	765,569	663,907	323,824
Santa Barbara County	669,254	1,303,430	1,042,951	500,283
Santa Clara County	3,791,452	5,952,605	5,288,081	2,873,286
Santa Cruz County	891,429	1,547,283	1,137,438	557,902
Shasta County	1,702,983	2,717,313	2,193,185	1,346,452
Sonoma County	1,026,550	1,603,636	1,228,311	468,516
Tulare County	804,752	726,271	657,117	355,351
County Center Sub-totals	\$48,112,867	\$72,732,660	\$71,979,452	\$41,715,389

² The Board contracts with 21 counties to operate 22 verification units in local Victim Witness Assistance Centers. Staff in verification centers review applications and process compensation payments.

Awards, Applications, and Revenue By County

County	FY 00-01	FY01-02	FY02-03	- FY03-04 -		
	Awards	Awards	Awards	Awards	Restitution Revenue	Applications Received
Alameda	\$3,899,314	\$6,064,503	\$6,763,289	\$3,171,985	\$1,095,769	2,341
Alpine	8,253	3,892	10,272	0	18,327	0
Amador	28,905	105,195	74,460	35,213	82,305	52
Butte	577,602	787,386	725,804	416,811	342,355	623
Calaveras	74,785	60,353	114,300	79,101	60,208	55
Colusa	96,620	18,710	24,425	25,898	22,706	48
Contra Costa	3,361,257	4,076,678	3,251,430	1,993,430	554,461	1,239
Del Norte	62,627	140,809	161,941	69,684	48,856	180
El Dorado	363,129	543,827	548,155	346,443	226,799	392
Fresno	922,398	1,410,992	1,343,517	1,059,784	818,244	1,263
Glenn	149,555	209,247	78,188	38,359	52,567	93
Humboldt	427,201	625,475	671,723	342,157	221,927	342
Imperial	102,478	105,880	111,983	78,695	92,594	96
Inyo	72,774	117,960	110,010	63,677	55,108	76
Kern	1,013,938	2,002,057	1,410,319	857,597	1,018,452	812
Kings	217,215	144,546	180,654	45,528	226,677	325
Lake	422,223	441,378	544,338	181,813	123,260	230
Lassen	64,346	46,764	108,790	48,610	67,058	35
Los Angeles	30,181,567	39,102,894	39,709,393	23,012,954	9,393,823	9,788
Madera	126,015	161,642	156,277	136,711	184,383	175
Marin	467,716	607,415	669,675	215,788	356,402	277
Mariposa	51,768	45,915	50,279	22,330	21,768	29
Mendocino	261,251	377,543	399,391	187,069	140,957	139
Merced	467,167	692,717	535,967	540,766	213,669	568
Modoc	4,081	11,887	22,575	6,349	17,819	11
Mono	40,907	42,149	44,779	21,536	43,831	14
Monterey	1,139,465	1,675,213	1,183,318	660,535	550,497	650
Napa	328,940	555,220	398,332	211,601	201,429	222
Nevada	161,185	248,438	243,932	136,652	139,830	134
Orange	3,542,252	5,607,765	5,037,521	3,000,185	3,808,063	1,840
Placer	586,158	955,088	833,183	469,362	292,702	589
Plumas	24,468	28,807	19,753	46,527	32,416	11
Riverside	2,768,070	4,572,715	4,443,627	2,640,173	1,791,418	2,336
Sacramento	2,744,317	4,207,129	4,594,559	2,545,630	1,195,471	2,364
San Benito	110,857	128,080	116,196	73,534	31,288	54
San Bernardino	3,108,449	5,637,556	5,108,694	3,409,507	1,730,515	2,643
San Diego	6,557,421	10,341,920	8,665,375	5,332,621	2,704,921	3,747
San Francisco	2,954,474	4,407,567	3,961,470	2,401,764	141,492	1,757
San Joaquin	1,362,087	1,752,684	1,788,831	1,382,103	687,864	1,711
San Luis Obispo	749,182	783,617	703,235	328,498	520,949	291
San Mateo	1,479,930	2,413,617	1,538,769	989,792	726,733	901
Santa Barbara	689,942	1,300,209	1,105,809	525,182	1,001,578	744
Santa Clara	4,346,863	5,766,171	5,139,063	2,645,845	2,233,130	3,213
Santa Cruz	919,147	1,580,655	1,157,103	627,821	463,914	473
Shasta	1,373,294	2,051,284	1,734,376	988,633	251,690	1,350
Sierra	7,562	19,561	25,555	12,908	28,088	14
Siskiyou	135,568	258,397	311,382	91,870	83,404	176
Solano	966,472	1,384,523	1,409,034	590,560	455,543	756
Sonoma	1,322,457	1,828,048	1,380,917	515,526	871,491	664
Stanislaus	863,753	1,304,573	1,229,492	601,856	256,426	695
Sutter	206,151	351,721	279,039	195,345	122,704	158
Tehama	266,897	432,157	332,647	160,792	111,351	191
Trinity	66,531	58,469	61,204	30,579	33,013	46
Tulare	842,253	837,934	730,573	368,629	975,114	617
Tuolumne	192,570	185,511	126,982	97,337	181,798	160
Ventura	1,166,219	2,153,899	2,118,426	1,443,367	934,058	938
Yolo	533,042	637,360	601,942	212,861	86,852	279
Yuba	177,951	215,369	253,653	170,236	121,164	424
Non-CA, Other	416,315	2,322,933	2,574,091	1,132,268	--	314
Total	\$85,575,333	\$123,952,002	\$117,030,014	\$67,038,387	\$38,267,231	49,665

Funding the Victim Compensation Program

Restitution fines, diversion fees, restitution orders, and other court-imposed penalties paid by criminal offenders in California maintain the Restitution Fund (Fund). The federal Office for Victims of Crime also makes an annual Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to every state compensation fund, including California. None of the money that maintains the fund comes from tax revenue. The Board's Revenue Recovery Section partners with judges, district attorneys, county staff, and corrections professionals to promote the imposition and collection of the restitution fines and orders that keep the Victim Compensation Program operating. In addition to the more than \$38 million in fines and orders collected at the local level last year, the California Department of Corrections collected \$11.4 million in fines and orders from inmates, and the California Youth Authority collected almost \$400,000 from wards.

Fines and Penalty Assessments

The court must impose restitution fines from \$100 to \$1,000 on adults convicted of misdemeanors and from \$200 to \$10,000 on adults convicted of felonies. The court must levy restitution fines ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 on a juvenile convicted of a felony offense and up to \$100 on a juvenile convicted of a misdemeanor.

When an adult offender receives a sentence that includes a period of parole an additional fine known as a parole revocation fine is ordered. This fine is the same amount as the restitution fine and is only collected if the offender's parole status is revoked. State and local penalty assessments are levied on all fines (other than restitution fines) imposed by the court system, including traffic offenses. The state penalty assessment is equal to 100 percent of the amount of the fine, and 22 percent of the state penalty assessments are allocated to the Restitution Fund.

Restitution Orders

When a crime victim suffers a financial loss, the judge is required to order the offender to pay restitution directly to that victim for the amount of the loss. If the victim has received benefits from the Victim Compensation Program, the offender must also repay the Board. The defendant can dispute the amount of restitution at a court hearing. Restitution orders can be enforced like civil judgments.

Criminal Restitution Compacts

In FY 2003-2004 the Board contracted with 22 counties to fund restitution specialist positions through Criminal Restitution Compacts. These restitution specialists make sure offenders are ordered to pay restitution fines and pay restitution to the Board where the Victim Compensation Program has helped the victims. Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Placer, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sacramento, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Ventura, and Shasta counties have CRC programs.

Government Claims Division

The Government Claims Division handles the Government Claims Program, bid protests, wrongful felon conviction claims, the California State Employees Charitable Campaign, the Missing Children Reward Program, travel reimbursement rates for elected officials and the judiciary, and the daily living expense reimbursement rate for legislators while in session.

The Government Claims Program

The Government Claims Program helps resolve claims against state agencies for monetary damages. Anyone who considers filing a lawsuit against a state department or agency must submit a claim before filing suit. This allows the Program to work closely with the involved agency or department to investigate and possibly settle claims without the need for costly litigation.

What Types of Claims Are Made?

Typical claims include:

- Vehicle Damage (Personal Property)
- Real Property Damage
- Impound/Towing of Vehicle
- Accidents Involving State Vehicles
- Breach of Contract/Contract Disputes
- Inmate Personal Property
- Expired Pay Warrants
- Reimbursement for Employee Salary or Travel Expenses
- Reimbursement for Employee Personal Property Loss
- Vendor Contracts
- Refund Claims
- Refund of a Tax Fee or Penalty
- Costs of Successfully Defending Lawsuits for the Required Reporting of Suspected Child or Elderly Abuse

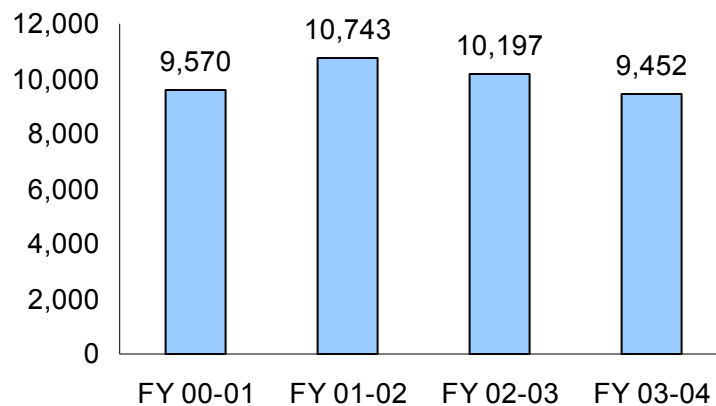
What Happens To The Claims?

Program staff review every application. For every complete application, staff members make a recommendation to the Board. The recommendation can be to deny or reject the claim, or to allow payment. No decision is final until the three-member Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has approved it.

How Are Government Claims Paid?

Some approved claims are sent directly to the responsible state agencies for payment. The Board forwards the remaining claims to the Legislature in omnibus claims bills twice each year. The claims payments come from the General Fund and other special funds, not from the Board's budget.

Government Claims Received



Types Of Government Claims Received

Tort	7,245
Equity	1,277
Contract	930
Total	9,452

Additional Duties of the Board

Bid Protests

The Board has been responsible for resolving bid protests since 1955. When the state is purchasing goods, telecommunications, or electronic data processing through a competitive process, bidders who are not selected may dispute the process by filing a protest with the Board. The protest must be made before the award is finalized. The contract cannot be awarded until the Board resolves the protest or the protest is withdrawn.

Claims of Erroneously Convicted Felons

Penal Code section 4900 provides financial relief to persons who are wrongly convicted and imprisoned for commission of a felony. In order to qualify, the person must not have contributed to the crime by any kind of intentional or negligent act. The Attorney General's Office assists the Board by investigating each PC 4900 claim. If the Board finds that the evidence supports the claim, the Legislature is required to award the claimant \$100 for each day of incarceration after conviction.

Good Samaritan Program

The Board can provide compensation to private citizens who are injured rescuing another person, preventing a crime, or assisting a law enforcement officer, through the Good Samaritan Program. Upon recommendation by a law enforcement or public safety agency, the Board may pay up to \$10,000 for unreimbursed medical bills, property damage, or other costs.

California State Employees Charitable Campaign

The Board assists with the administration of the California State Employees Charitable Campaign. This workplace charitable campaign provides a single, coordinated fund-raising drive for state workers. State employees can choose from among 675 participating charitable organizations. Every year the Board selects organizations to manage the campaign in various regions across the state, usually a local United Way. The five-county capitol area campaign raises over \$3 million each year.

Missing Children Reward Program

The Davis-Grisham Missing Children Act of 1986 created the Missing Children Reward Program to assist local law enforcement agencies and other parties involved in the identification and recovery of missing children in California. Funds are available to reward persons with up to \$500 for providing information, which leads to the location and recovery of a missing child listed in the California Department of Justice Missing Children Registry.

Travel Reimbursement and Per Diem Rates

The Board sets travel reimbursement rates for elected officials and the judiciary. The Board is also required to establish the living expense reimbursement rate for members of the State Legislature. The established rate cannot be less than the rate for federal employees traveling to Sacramento. During FY 2003-20 04, the per diem rate was \$140 per day.

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